

NEBRASKA  
WEATHER & CROPS



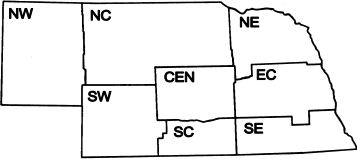
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the month averaged near normals and ranged from seven degrees above to seven degrees below normals statewide. Precipitation occurred weekly in the form of snow and/or rain. Amounts ranged from traces to over an inch.

GENERAL

Cool, wet weather continues to limit spring fieldwork, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were preparing for spring tillage and planting operations but were waiting for drier field conditions. Reporters indicated that nitrogen fertilizer supplies were 87% of normal.

CROPS

**Winter Wheat** crop rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 39% fair, 46% good, and 7% excellent. Precipitation throughout the winter and March boosted prospects for the coming season.

CROPS Cont.

**Oat** planting has begun in a few areas with 5% sown to date. This compares with 66% last year and 20% for the five-year average.  
**Hay** and **forage** supplies were below year ago levels and most districts indicated very short supplies. The shortest supplies reported were in the southwest district.

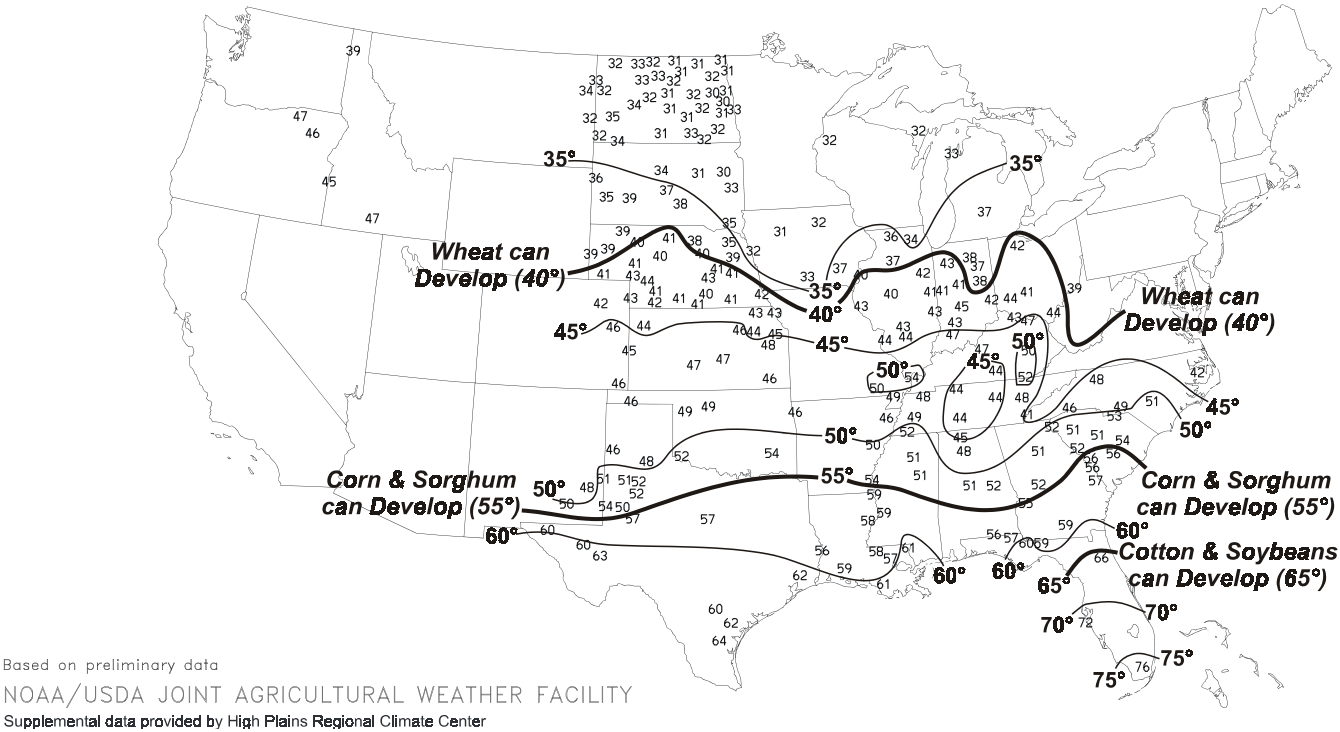
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

**Pasture** and **range** condition were rated at 15% very poor, 24% poor, 40% fair, 20% good, and 1% excellent, with only limited spring growth. Cattle and calves condition rated 3% very poor, 10% poor, 40% fair, 40% good, and 7% excellent. Calving since January 1 has reached 71% statewide. Calf losses this spring were average to above average due to cool, damp conditions. Hay and grain feeding continued in most areas to keep cattle in condition until pastures are available for grazing.

AS OF APRIL 1, 2001		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE	
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC					SE
PER CENT													
Nitrogen fertilizer supplies (as % of normal)		93	93	92	89	90	78	73	80	87	n/a	n/a	n/a
SUPPLIES OF HAY AND FORAGE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 1, 2001													
Hay and Forage	- Very short	0	39	27	22	4	41	33	13	24	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Short	36	35	38	41	40	39	50	53	40	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Adequate	64	25	35	37	56	14	17	34	35	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Surplus	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	0	2	0	10	0	3	8	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Short	22	30	9	28	11	39	13	7	19	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Adequate	77	65	90	42	86	56	72	86	74	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Surplus	1	3	1	20	3	2	7	7	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	4	7	0	16	17	19	13	7	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Short	60	36	56	46	40	62	26	52	45	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Adequate	36	56	44	38	41	18	61	39	44	n/a	n/a	n/a
	- Surplus	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

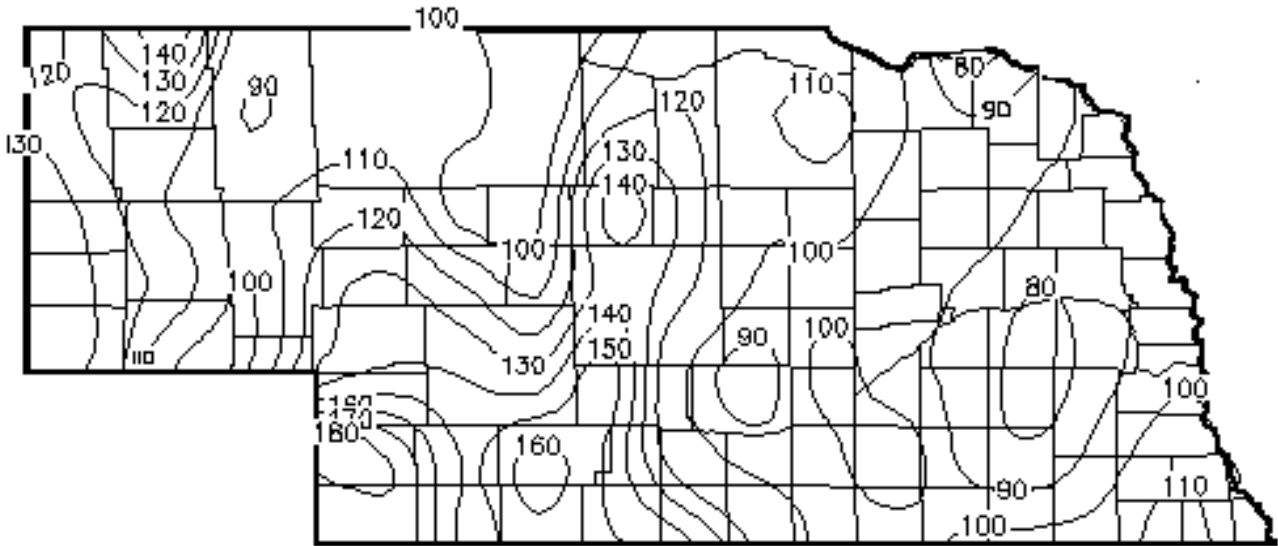
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Average Soil Temperature (°F, 4" Bare)  
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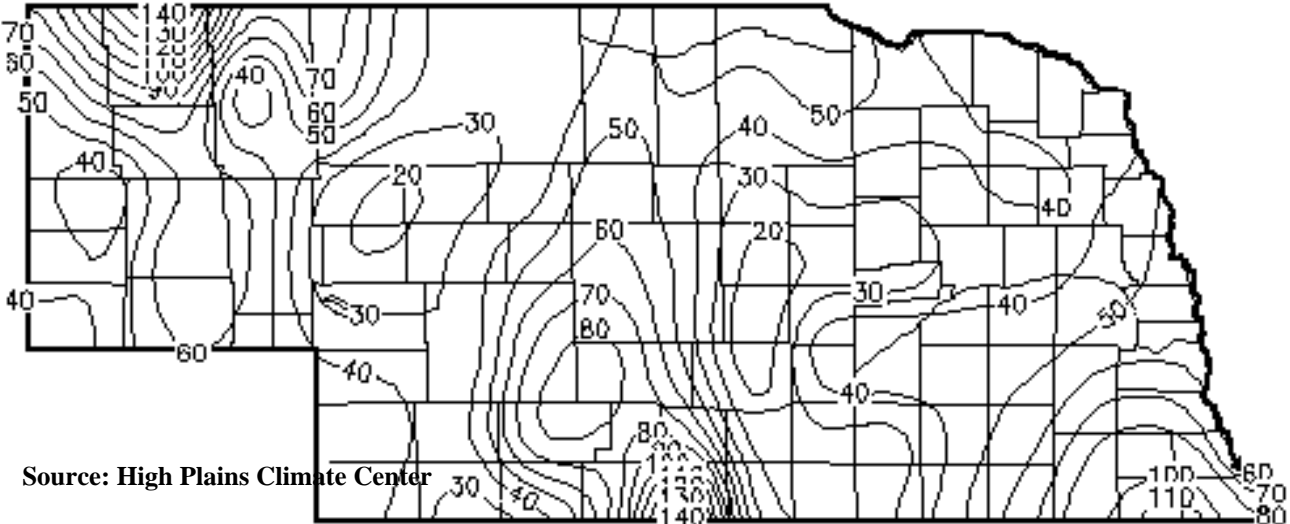


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Supplemental data provided by High Plains Regional Climate Center

SEPTEMBER 2000 - MARCH 2001 PRECIPITATION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL



MARCH 2001 PRECIPITATION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL



Source: High Plains Climate Center